

Call for Data Related to Review of National Monuments under EO 13792 (April 26, 2017)

1. Documents Requested

a. Resource Management Plans/Land Use Plans

- Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) has not yet initiated a Monument Management Plan (MMP). The 2008 Monticello RMP will be followed in the interim. The entire Monticello RMP (DEIS/FEIS/ROD) can be accessed here: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=68097&dctmId=0b0003e880befb7c>. A copy of the 5-year RMP Evaluation is also in this folder (1.a.Monticello_RMP_Evaluation_September_2015.pdf).

b. Record of Decision

- BENM has not yet initiated a Monument Management Plan. The 2008 Monticello RMP will be followed in the interim. The ROD is in this folder (1.b.Monticello_Final_Plan_ROD.pdf) and can be accessed here: https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/lup/68097/85493/102694/Monticello_Final_Plan.pdf

c. Public Scoping Documents

- Public scoping has not yet been initiated for a BENM MMP. The first public comment period post- designation associated with BENM is the DOI Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment.

d. Presidential Proclamation

- Proclamation 9558 of December 28, 2016 is in this folder (1.d.Bears Ears Presidential Proclamation.pdf)

2. Information on activities permitted at the Monument, including annual levels of activity from the date of designation to the present (Designation date for BENM is December 28, 2016- information is for 2nd quarter FY17)

a. Recreation - annual visits to site

- BLM uses the Recreation Management Information System (RMIS) to report visitor use. While we do have some traffic counter (see 2.a.3.a.TRAFX Master Summary_MtFO_(2008-2017)) and permit data, full reporting for annual visitation will not be available until September.

b. Energy - annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)

- There are no producing oil and gas wells and no coal developments in BENM. While no new energy production will be permitted, valid existing rights were protected under the Proclamation.

c. Minerals - annual mineral production on site

- There are no active mining operations in the BENM. There is one commercial

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- d. Timber - annual timber production on site (in board-feet, CCF, or similar measure)

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- e. Grazing - annual grazing on site (AUMs permitted and sold)

- There are 20 allotments that wholly or partially contained within BENM. These allotments include 50,469 permitted AUMs. Allotment boundaries do not coincide with the BENM boundary, and therefore it is not possible to calculate the number of AUMs currently permitted within the monument boundary.

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- f. Subsistence - participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available

- g. Cultural - list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available

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3. Information on activities occurring during the 5 years prior to designation

- a. Recreation - annual visits to site

- BLM uses the Recreation Management Information System (RMIS) to report visitor use. BENM is a subset of the Monticello Field Office. RMIS data for the MtFO is included in the folder (2.a.RMISData_SelectInfo_2012_2016.pdf). Additional reports can be pulled through RMIS.

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- b. Energy - annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)

- There was no oil and gas production within the area now bounded by the BENM in the five years prior to designation. There was 63,777 acres of land within the Bear Ears nominated for the 2014 through 2018 Lease Sales, but all the parcels derived from nomination were deferred since they were within the anticipated San Juan MLP.

- c. Minerals - annual mineral production on site

- d. Timber - annual timber production on site (in board-feet, CCF, or similar measure)

- e. Grazing - annual grazing on site (AUMs permitted and sold)

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- g. Cultural - list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available

4. Information on activities that likely would have occurred annually from the date of designation to the present **if the Monument had not been designated**

The answers to this question would be highly speculative and is best answered with qualitative (rather than quantitative) data. As BENM was designated less than 5 months ago, there has been very little change in the management of activities since the date of designation.

- h. Recreation - annual visits to site
 - Anecdotal evidence from BLM specialists indicates that spring of 2017 had record visitation following Monument designation. Traffic counter and permit data is incomplete at this time, but may be available
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5. Changes to boundaries - dates and changes in size

- Not applicable to BENM; no changes since designation

6. Public Outreach prior to Designation - outreach activities conducted and opportunities for public comment

Note: While there has yet to be a public comment period for a Monument Management Plan, the public process preceding BENM designation is outlined in 6.Bears Ears Fact Facts QA.pdf (released with the DOI/USDA joint press release on 12/28/16) in this folder.

- Secretary Jewell held a public meeting in Bluff, Utah in July 2016.

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<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-jewell-under-secretary-bonnie-join-utah-local-leaders-public-meeting-hear>

7. **Terms of Designation**

Refer to Proclamation for the terms of designation.

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